

TUBULARIA MAGNIFICA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Stirps tubulosa, simplex vel ramosa, basi affixa.
Animal terminale, capite tentaculis cristato.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TUBULARIA tubo simplici albido, tentaculis numerosissimis albo rubroque variatis.

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Omnes quas norunt physici Tubularias superat longe hæc quæ in tabula depingitur tam magnitudine quam venustate. In insulis Americanis rupium cava incolit, et ut solent reliquæ congeneres, sese ad libitum vel extendere vel contrahere potest, et, instante periculo intra latibulum recedere. Genera præterea Tubulariæ et Amphitrites videtur quodammodo connectere; corpus nempe habens annulatum, Tubulariæ autem præcipuos characteras genericos. Ostenditur in tabula dimidiata magnitudine naturali. In quinto volumine actorum Societatis Linnæanæ exstat icon archetypa quam delineavit ingeniosus Dominus Davies, copiarum militarium præfectus.





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THE
GREAT TUBULARIA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Stem tubular, simple or branched, fixed by the base.

Animal terminal; the head crested with tentacula.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

TUBULARIA with a simple whitish tube, and very numerous tentacula variegated with red and white.

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Of all the Tubulariæ yet known the present may be considered as by far the largest and most magnificent in its appearance. It is a native of the seas about the West Indian islands, inhabiting the cavities of rocks, and possessing, like the rest of the genus, the power of withdrawing itself on any appearance of danger into the hole in which it resides. It may be added that it seems in some degree to connect the genera of Tubularia and Amphitrite, having the annulated body of the one, with the peculiar generic characters of the other. It is represented

presented on the plate of half the natural size. It is to the ingenious pencil of General Davies that we are indebted for the original drawing of this animal, which has been engraved and published in the fifth volume of the transactions of the Linnæan Society.